

# District of Columbia Court of Appeals

M-219-04

## NOTICE

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals is considering the adoption of amendments to D.C. App. R. 46 pertaining to the admission to the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Most of the proposed amendments were recommended to the court in a September 16, 2004, letter from the Chair of the Committee on Admissions. The proposed new language is underlined; the provisions to be deleted are struck through.

- (1.) The last sentence of Rule 46 (a) is amended to read as follows:

No member shall be appointed to serve longer than two consecutive regular three-year terms, unless an exception is made by the court.

- (2.) Rule 46 (b)(1) is amended to read as follows:

Number and dates of examination. Examinations for admission to the Bar shall be held on two successive days in February and July of each year in Washington, D.C., at a place and on the dates designated by the Committee. The Committee may extend the days for examination for an applicant upon good cause having been demonstrated to the Committee pursuant to a request for testing accommodations or in the Committee's discretion as deemed necessary.

- (3.) The first sentence of Rule 46 (b)(8)(i)(iv) is amended to read as follows:

Each day of the examination shall require six hours writing time unless modified by the Committee for an applicant pursuant to a request for testing accommodations.

- (4.) Rule 46 (b)(4) is amended to read as follows:

Law Study in Law School Not Approved by the ABA. An applicant who graduated from a law school not approved by the American Bar

Association shall be permitted to take the bar examination only after successfully completing at least 26 semester hours of study in the subjects tested in the bar examination in a law school that at the time of such study was approved by the American Bar Association. All such 26 semester hours shall be earned in courses of study, each of which is substantially concentrated on a single tested subject.

(5.) Rule 46 (b)(2)(i) is amended to read as follows:

Time to Apply and Fees. (i) An application to take the bar examination shall be typewritten and submitted on a form approved by the Committee and filed with the Director of Admissions (hereafter Director) not later than ~~January 4~~ December 15 for the February examination and ~~May 23~~ May 3 for the July examination unless, for exceptional cause shown, the time is extended by the Committee. The contents of the application to take the examination shall be confidential except upon order of the court.

As directed by the Court, this notice is published to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments concerning the proposed rule amendments. Ten copies of any comments should be submitted to the Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Sixth Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001, by January 21, 2005. All comments submitted pursuant to this notice as the above-referenced correspondence from the Committee on Admissions of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals will be available to the public.